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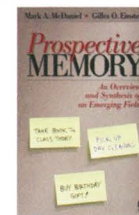
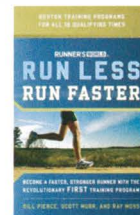
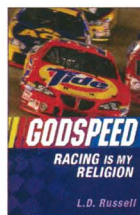
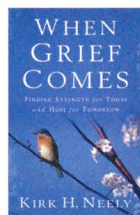
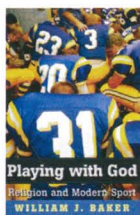
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FROM ALUMNI

William J. Baker '60, *Playing with God: Religion and Modern Sport* (Harvard University Press, 2007). A starting quarterback at Furman in the late 1950s, Baker was known as the "Passing Parson" (he was a Southern Baptist youth evangelist). Today he is professor emeritus of history at the University of Maine and has written several books on sports and American culture. This work asks the question, "Is sports America's true religion?" It examines how religious ideas and symbols pervade sports and, according to one reviewer, "invites us to consider even more carefully the relationship between play and piety." *Booklist* says that Baker "leaves no doubt as to the durability of the American marriage of devotion and sport."

Kirk Neely '66, *When Grief Comes: Finding Strength for Today and Hope for Tomorrow* (Baker Publishing, 2007). The author, senior pastor of Morningside Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S.C., offers personal stories and practical information about the stages and phases of grief. Denise McLain Massey of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University says that Neely "weaves painful personal experience with pastoral wisdom to provide support, hope and sustaining presence. . . . *When Grief Comes* offers reassurance, support, and the deep understanding of one who has traveled the path from shock and disbelief to healing and hope."

Robert W. Harris '76, *The Elements of Visual Style* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007). This is the 12th book from Harris, a free-lance writer and designer based in Durham, N.C., whose canon includes everything from

technology primers to novels. The publisher says that *Elements* is "for people who want to create sophisticated and professional documents at their own desks." The book offers tips for both the novice and the experienced PC and Mac user. Learn more by visiting Harris' Web site, www.rwhstudio.com.

L.D. (Larry) Russell '77, *Godspeed: Racing is My Religion* (Continuum Books, 2007). Russell, an instructor in religious studies at Elon University, decided to write about the relationship between auto racing and religion after the death of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt in 2001. The publisher says the book covers Russell's visits to major tracks and rural speedways and recounts "his conversations with NASCAR chaplains and fans about their love of the sport. Russell weaves his own reflections on the meaning of speed, death and religion into a colorful story that covers the thrill and agony of racing as well as its tremendous popularity."

Karen "Chichi" Kent '78, *Nightingale's Mask* (PublishAmerica, 2006). The novel, inspired by a true story, is the first from the author, who lives in Winchester, Va. The publisher describes it as a tense, fast-paced thriller and "a tightly written account of one woman's impact on a family and on the world." It offers an insider's view of such moments in history as the rise of the Third Reich, the birth of America's centralized intelligence system, and the Bay of Pigs incident.

Hannah Jenkins Keeley '90, *Hannah Keeley's Total Mom Makeover* (Little, Brown and Company, 2007). The book's

subtitle says it offers a "six-week plan to completely transform your home, health, family, and life." Bookpage.com calls it a "fast-paced, feisty guide to female empowerment." The publisher says, "Keeley promises [that] in just six weeks mothers everywhere can look better and sexier than ever; create beautiful, clean, clutter-free homes; build great relationships with their husbands and kids; cook healthy meals for their families; control chaos, fear, and worry in their lives." A mother of seven, Keeley is a television personality and founder of www.TotalMom.com. She lives in Colonial Heights, Va.

FROM FACULTY

Bill Pierce, Ray Moss and Scott Murr '84, *Runner's World: Run Less, Run Faster* (Rodale Books, 2007). The Furman Institute for Running and Scientific Training's reputation is spreading, and this book should build even more interest. Subtitled "Become a Faster, Stronger Runner with the Revolutionary FIRST Training Program," the book spells out FIRST's unique "less is more" training philosophy. Amby Burfoot, former Boston Marathon winner, describes the FIRST approach as "the most detailed, well-organized and scientific training program for runners that I have ever seen." The authors are members of Furman's Department of Health and Exercise Science, and the illustrations are by Katie Blaker '09. To learn more, visit www.furman.edu/first.

Gilles O. Einstein and Mark A. McDaniel, *Prospective Memory: An Overview and Synthesis of an Emerging Field* (Sage Publications, 2007). The publisher says, "Prospective Memory is the first authored text to provide a straightforward and

integrated foundation to the scientific study of memory for actions to be performed in the future. [The authors] present an accessible overview and synthesis of the theoretical and empirical work in this emerging field." Einstein, who has taught psychology at Furman since 1977, and McDaniel, of Washington University in St. Louis, are longtime collaborators. This is their second book.

Paul Thomas and Joe Kincheloe, *Reading, Writing, and Thinking: The Postformal Basics* (Sense Publishers, 2006). Thomas is an education professor at Furman; his co-author teaches at McGill University in Canada. The publisher says they offer "provocative insights into the bizarre assumptions surrounding the contemporary teaching of reading, writing and thinking. The authors are obsessed with producing an accessible book for multiple audiences — parents, teachers, scholars of education — that moves beyond critique to a new domain of the social and educational imagination."

T.C. Smith, *The Tale of Three Sawmill Towns: Alco, Meridian and Long Leaf, Louisiana* (Northwestern State University Press, 2007). The author of 14 books, Smith has now penned a memoir of life in three central Louisiana sawmill towns where he lived as a child. At 93, the professor emeritus of religion says, "I am fortunate to have a good memory, so once I began writing I was able to remember a lot of details." Jim Pitts '60, former chaplain at Furman, provided photographic and research assistance.